



PATENT
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: 040894-7167

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Toshio SHIMIZU et al.)	Confirmation No.: 3575
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Application No.: 10/522,178)	Group Art Unit: 3721
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Filed: January 24, 2005)	Examiner: B. Nash
)	
For: STAPLER AND CARTRIDGE)	Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
Customer Window, Mail Stop Amendment
Randolph Building
401 Dulany Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST
FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated March 6, 2006, the period of response to which extends through June 6, 2006, please amend the above identified application as follows: